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1. Dul Ceskoslovenske Armady (Czechoslovak Army Mine at Karvinna I consists of three mines: Hubina, Jindriska, and Benes; the last has been renamed Dul Ceskoslovenske Armady (sic).
2. Chief engineer of the mine is (fnu) Matusek. Political officers are (fnu) Hubert for Czech personnel and (fnu) Sinkovic for Slovak personnel.
3. The mine works in three shifts each of approximately 700 - 1,000 laborers. The workers are professional miners, "brigade" members, and army personnel. The army personnel have been grouped into a Dabor battalion and wear black shoulder patches. Some of this group come from a reservist element composed of men who have never served before and who now, regarded as an unreliable element, have been taken into the army regardless of their age. Some have no fixed tenure of service nor have they been informed how long they must serve in the mine. Ages of the soldier-miners range from 21 to 45 years. They live in wooden barracks 116 and are not supposed to associate with the other workers.
4. Dul Ceskoslovenske Armady is planned to be the most modern mine in the Ostrava Region. A shaft elevator large enough to hold a normal gondola railway car is now being installed in the mine.
5. Drafting of orders for any mobilization emergency is done in the office of the District National Committee of Karvinna I, formerly Krystab. It is alleged that letters are ready for men of up to 50 years of age together with a rail ticket to the emergency mobilization station of each man.
6. Since about March 1952, a Russian inspecting party of three men has been touring all mines in the Ostrava region to supervise work, investigate sabotage, and increase efficiency.

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